

**MINUTES**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 318**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 10, 2021**

(NOTE: This meeting was conducted physically at Post 318, and virtually on Zoom.)

The Post Meeting was called to order by Commander Chester Canter, at approximately 7:05 PM. Colors were in place and were saluted. Opening Prayer was read by Adjutant Dan Wolfangel, in absence of Chaplain. Commander Canter then gave the recognition of POW-MIAs, with POW-MIA chair Cover put in place by SAA Ralph Caskey. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Kamman led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, and the reciting of the Preamble. Commander Canter opened meeting for the normal order of business.

**Attendance:** Sergeant-at-Arms Ralph Caskey advised that there were a total of sixteen (16) Post 318 members participating (11 present / 5 virtual), which does not constitute a required quorum of seventeen members.

The meeting continued, however, with no voting to occur pending reaching a quorum.

**Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:**

Adjutant Wolfangel conducted the roll call of Officers and Chairs, as follows:

**Elected Officers**

Commander	Chester Canter	<b>X</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	<b>X</b>
2nd Vice Commander	Kirk Minnich	<b>E</b>
Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent	Dan Wolfangel	<b>X</b>
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	<b>E</b>
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	<b>X</b>
Chaplain	Rob Heberly	<b>A</b>

**Appointed Positions/Chairs**

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	<b>X</b>
Americanism Chair	Paul Henkel	<b>A</b>
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	<b>X</b>
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	<b>X</b>
Fund-raising Chair	(VACANT)	<b>V</b>
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	<b>V</b>
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	<b>E</b>
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	<b>X</b>
VAVS Coordinator	Jerry Porter	<b>A</b>

X = Present **(Z) via ZOOM**

A= Absent

E = Excused (prior notice)

V= Vacant

**Minutes:** Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Post Meeting Minutes from the February 10, 2021 Post Meeting were posted in full printed format in the Post Meeting Minutes Binder in clubroom, distributed to all E.C. members, and sent to Post Web-Master for posting on Post web-site. ***Voting on acceptance of February Minutes tabled pending achieving quorum, or to next Post Meeting.***

**Executive Committee Notes:** Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the February 24, 2021 E.C. Meeting Minutes, in full printed format, had been placed in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the clubroom, distributed to all E.C. members, and have been submitted for posting on Post web-site. A summary of noteworthy items or actions from the E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Approved transferring of expiring 13 month CD funds, plus \$35,000 additional Savings Account Funds, into a newly opened 15 month CD.
- Approved exploration of the formation of a Post 318 sponsored “Sons of American Legion (SAL)”.
- Approved rental agreement with Ortho-Cincy Medical Group for use of 20 designated parking spaces in rear lot, at rate of \$10 per space / per month, for their Staff, Monday-Friday / 7 AM to 5 PM..
- Authorized Post Euchre to be moved to Hall “B” on Thursday evenings to accommodate social distancing.
- Approved the incumbering of \$932 within Charities, Inc. budget for funding of: Gifts For Yanks (\$332), Joseph House (\$300); and Fisher House (\$300).

**Finance Report:** Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Finance Officer Randy Lindsey, read Lindsey's provided Financial Report, effective as of March 10, 2021:

1 <sup>st</sup> Financial Checking	\$ 11,156.46
Outstanding Checks	\$ 421.56
Effective Total	\$ 10,734.90
1 <sup>st</sup> Financial Savings	\$ 92,304.96
1 <sup>st</sup> Financial 13 mos CD.	\$ 10,171.14

Total of All Accounts Currently Available as of This Report = \$ 113,211.00

February Total available funds were \$ 63,386.99

Lindsey further noted:

- Received \$50,163.04 from as beneficiary of deceased member Hugo Vontz's VA Insurance policy.
- On Monday – March 15<sup>th</sup> will roll over the current 13 month CD balance, along with the additional \$35,000 from Savings Account, into a 15 month CD, as directed by E.C.
- All bills and credit cards are currently paid up and included in the totals.

***Voting on acceptance of Finance Officer's February Minutes tabled pending achieving quorum, or to next Post Meeting.***

Member Tom Prem raised question from the floor regarding the length of the new CD to be opened, as to why it was not for a longer period of time (i.e.: 2 years) to earn more interest. Don Bishop indicated that he felt the E.C.'s decision was made based upon the current uncertainty of forthcoming revenue, and also the timing of the next balloon payment on the mortgage loan.

**Membership Report:** (Chair - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander).

Chair Kamman submitted written report to Adjutant for filing, and reported or commented as follows:

- 2020 Post Membership Quota = 167.
- Currently have achieved quota at 167 members. This is 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year Post has achieved quota, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year of all-time high for Post Membership.
- Currently have 4 current members not yet renewed for 2020.
- Announced March member birthdays.

**Post Activities Report:** (Chair - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander).

No report in absence of Chair.

**Adjutant Reports and Correspondence:** Adjutant Wolfangel advised he had no correspondence of consequence or requiring action received since last meeting.

**Chaplain's Report:** No report in absence of Chaplain.

**Committees and Liaison Reports:**

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Paul Henkel). No report in absence of Chair. It was noted that we had 3 Girl applicants to attend Girls State. However, no Boys for Boys State, and will be seeking refund of those fees that were already paid.

- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).

Dan Wolfangel reported on the Recognition Program that was held on February 18<sup>th</sup> at Latitudes Bar & Bistro, for the promoters and staffing of Hometown Heroes 2 Benefit, that netted the Post a contribution of \$9,000.

Don Bishop noted he would be giving a presentation on on the Legion and the Post at the East Side Republican Club Meeting , who were renting the Post Hall on March 23, 2021.

- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer). Chair Cleves, advised that he had been in touch female veteran in need of financial assistance, and based upon his inquiry, he was recommending that the Post/Charities, Inc. provide \$300 in assistance. Cleves was advised decision would be up to E.C. Adjutant Wolfangel advised that if Cleves would send details to him, he would expedite action by seeking email vote of E.C.

Cleves also advised he had delivered a Memorial Bible to deceased Post member Robert Puthoff's widow and she was very appreciative.

- **VAVS Committee:** (Coordinator - Jerry Porter) No Report.

- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears advised the following:

Noted he was having trouble staffing Bingo due to COVID situation, with members waiting on shots, etc. Currently has no volunteers to work on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Presented hard copy of February Bingo Report (3 weeks), noting monthly revenue distribution as follows: Post \$ 2,100 / C.I. \$ 615 / Concessions earned \$ 302.25, for a monthly total of \$ 3,017.25. Bingo Operating Account balance is at \$ 593.46.

- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).

Hoops-Mania: Dan Wolfangel gave a report from Randy Lindsey (Hoops-Mania Coordinator), as follows:

Ticket Cost: \$139.

Postage Cost: \$ 88.

Tickets currently sold: 78

Current Profit from Tickets: \$ 1,092.

Outright Donations: \$140.

Profit to Post: \$ 1,005.

Still one week left to register tickets. Final numbers will be reported at March E.C. Meeting.

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). No report, in absence of Chair.
- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). Chair Alfieri thanked all who help with clean-up and set-up details. He noted that rentals are overlapping and making clean-up / set-up difficult, and sometimes with short notice. Needs volunteers to respond when requested. He also noted that until further notice, due to timing of rentals, the regular scheduled clean-up day on Tuesdays at 9 AM, would be moving to Wednesdays at 9 AM.

He also noted that he had signs for posting in conjunction with Ortho-Cincy parking space rental agreement, and they would put on posts in concrete buckets so that they could be moved and reused as necessary. The reserved spaces have also been numbered.

- **Internal / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted no report..

Internal Communications: Wolfangel noted that Randy Lindsey had advised that Joe DuBois had indicated he would be willing to do the Post Newsletter. DuBois, who was present at meeting, indicated that any material for Newsletter should be to him by end of month, for the next month's issue. Bob Kamman stated he was already working on a newsletter and he and DuBois would coordinate in the effort.

- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-At-Arms): SAA Caskey noted that it currently looks like we will be attempting to perform our usual Memorial Day activities, on Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>, including the A/T Memorial Bell Ceremony and cemetery visitations. Not sure if will include a breakfast also. Will advise further as plans progress. Noted we need to come up with a bugler. Also advised that he had had taken donations to Joseph House last week. He was also looking for info on Gifts For Yanks program, which is due the end of month. Adjutant Wolfangel advised he would see if he could get any more info.
- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Don Bishop) Chair Bishop noted or commented on following:
  - C.I. Financial Report (prepared by C.I. Treasurer Walt Geil): Noted February EOM balances indicated about \$ 9,752 available, of which much is encumbered and committed to programs previously designated by vote of E.C. .
  - Noted Joseph House, Fisher House, and GFY had been added to programs to be funded, at direction of E.C. at their February meeting.

**Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report:** Nothing to report.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Report:** Nothing to report

**Dept. of Ohio:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** Nomination Committee: Adjutant Wolfangel read from the “Request for Nominees for Post Officers” that had been prepared by Nominating Committee Chair Eric Howland, and recently sent out via MailChimp, which had a response / reply date of March 22<sup>nd</sup>, for anyone interested in seeking election to a Post Officer position. Nomination Committee to submit report on slate of candidates at April 14<sup>th</sup> Post Meeting, with the election to be held at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Post Meeting.

Revisions /Amendments to Post Constitution and By-Laws: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the required notice was sent out via MailChimp, advising that the “Revisions /Amendments to Post Constitution and By-Laws” as recommended by E.C., were to be voted on at this March 10<sup>th</sup> Post Meeting. *However, due to lack of a meeting quorum the vote will need to be tabled until at least next Post Meeting (April 14<sup>th</sup>), or a Post Meeting where a quorum is present.*

**New Business:** Live Bands /Dances: Question was raised as to how much planning / lead time was needed to restart our dances, once we determine COVID restrictions and health directives indicate we can legally and safely do so. Don Bishop indicated about 3 to 4 weeks planning/lead time.

**Good Of The Legion:**

- Fisher House / Joseph House Bins in Clubroom: As reported SAA Caskey has deliver to Joseph House, and will make future deliveries as necessary.
- Volunteer Raffle: Gift Card won by Don Bishop.
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Tom Prem. Won by Ed Sears.
- Next E.C. Meeting: March 31, 2021.
- Next Post Meeting: April 14, 2021.
- Refreshments in Clubroom: None due to COVID restrictions.

**Closing:**

There being no further business to come before the membership, Adjutant Wolfangel read closing prayer, followed by Commander Canter's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by SAA Caskey. Commander Canter then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:02 PM.

Prepared by:

Dan Wolfangel

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